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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020
9:30 AM

#Prelude: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Paul Manz and Robert Thygerson

Dr. Robert Jones, organist

ADORATION

#*Call to Worship:

Pastor Desch

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . In him was life, and the life was the light of men . . . The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world." John 1:1, 4, 9 (ESV)

#*Hymn: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Hymn 124

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

TEXT: Charles Wesley. Taken from *The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration*. CCLI License #541575.

***Apostles' Creed**

Pastor Desch

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost (Spirit), born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church*; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

*holy catholic church: "The worldwide fellowship of believing people whose Head is Christ.

Ushers will seat you at these times.

* As the congregation stands, please feel free to remain seated as needed.

Lighting of the PEACE Candle (Matthew 4:12–17)

Receiving of New Members and Prayer

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Walter

*Hymn: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Hymn 123

O, come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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RESPONSE

Anthem: “All Praise to Thee”

Martin Luther and Elaine Hagenberg

Choral Ensemble

All praise to Thee, eternal God, Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children If the light,
To make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones may rest,
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth That we may rise to heav'n from earth.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia . . . Amen.

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*Doxology

Hymn 625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Desch

INSTRUCTION

Scripture

Matthew 4:12–17 (ESV) based on Isaiah 9:1–2

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Message: “Behold the Light”

Pastor Pittman

1. Realization of the Light
2. Response to the Light

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn 131

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.

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*Announcements

Pastor Pittman

*Benediction

*Postlude: “A Joyous Acclamation on the Old Hundredth”

Lani Smith and Roger Wilson

Dr. Robert Jones, organist



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